

JUDGE MULLEN ON QUALIFIED JURORS

Jurors Qualified Before the New Constitution Are Eligible Now.

SERVE IN HIS COURT TO-DAY

Osborne, the Modern Bluebeard, Roasts the Newspaper Interviewers—Ex-Mayor Pleasant Qualifies as a Justice of the Peace.

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PETERSBURG, VA., July 17.—Hustings Court, which opened to-day for the term, transacted no business with the exception of a few qualifications. Judge Mullen was asked for his opinion in reference to the contention that there are no legally qualified jurors now in the state under the new Constitution. He said that jurors would be in attendance on his court to-morrow, he being of the opinion that, under saving clauses of the schedule persons qualified to serve as jurors before the adoption of the present Constitution are eligible for that office now; that it was not the purpose of the framers of the present organic law to create a hiatus in this respect until some action could be taken by the Legislature.

"It is true," he said, "that as the present Constitution, unlike the one it supercedes, has no provision prescribing the qualifications for jurors, the Legislature has the power to say what they should be. It was the manifest intention of the framers of the present organic law to preserve intact the courts as they were, and all the machinery necessary exist and all the business of the courts for carrying on the business of the courts as now constituted, until the General Assembly could enact laws to carry into effect the provisions of the instrument they have ordained."

SPECIAL PROVISION
"The schedule expressly provides that the common law and the statute laws in force at the time this Constitution goes into effect, so far as not repugnant thereto, or repealed thereby, shall remain in force until they expire by their own limitation, or altered, or repealed by the General Assembly."

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Charles F. Osborne, who was arrested in Norfolk on the suspicion of having killed his wife for her insurance, passed through Petersburg yesterday. Sheriff Hester and Deputy Hueston, of Fairfax county, Oklahoma. The prisoner had his hands and feet shackled to prevent any possible escape. The two officers were typical Westerners, armed in cowboy fashion. Osborne, in conversation with a reporter, said newspapers were responsible for most of his trouble, as he was a man of peace and had no interviews that he had never given. Osborne said that he was not afraid to return to Oklahoma to answer the charge of murdering his first wife at Stillwater.

FINED FOR SPITTING.
The first fine, under the recent ordinance to prohibit expectorating on the sidewalks, street cars and public halls in this city, was imposed on Walter Hitchcock, a stranger, this morning. By Mayor Jones. Hitchcock was charged with spitting in one of the electric cars despite the protests of the conductors. He was fined two dollars.

Mr. R. R. Alston, a former well-known Petersburg, who has, for a number of years, been in the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railroad at Crewe, has been transferred to Petersburg, and just night entered upon his duties here as night yard-master.

Mr. W. O. Saunders, telegraph operator, has been transferred from this city to the Norfolk and Western Railroad Office at Disputanta.

Messrs. Thomas Bragg Gilliam and Nat Harrison, students at Lehigh University, are home for their vacation.

Mr. B. C. Potter, of Norfolk, traveling soliciting agent for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, was in the city to-day on business connected with his railroad.

A DELIGHTFUL COMEDY

Louisa Young People Will Devote Their Talents to a Monument Fund.

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LOUISA, VA., July 17.—The Louisa Comedy Company, an organization recently formed for the sole purpose of raising funds to aid in the erection of a monument in memory of the Confederate dead of Louisa, have decided to put on the boards "Down in Dixie." They are hard at work rehearsing and studying the respective parts, and will make their debut on the night of the 25th instant at this place and will follow up the programme here with a tour of such towns as Orange, Culpeper, Charlottesville and Waynesboro, and possibly other towns in the State if successful in these.

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